

2021-2022 makes three and a half years that I have served as Director of Music Ministries at UUSD. I continue to be amazed at the commitment and talent of members of this congregation. We continued to meet the challenges of crafting worship services in a safe way for the congregants. To give people the opportunity to worship through music, I implemented small vocal teams to sing the songs until it was safer for everyone to sing together. Since then, we have continued to utilize these talented vocalists when the choir is not singing.

Speaking of the choir...we are back!! It is absolutely wonderful! Until the studies showed that it was safe for us to sing together, we continued to provide the congregation with virtual choirs with the help of Jaclyn Keefer and her technical knowledge and skill. Since March, we have been back in-person singing for worship once a month. We are slowly working our way back safely.

Over the course of the past 2 years, the virtual choir has added 24 songs to various worship services. In putting these songs together, each individual choir member had to sing by themselves into a recording device and never got to hear themselves singing with others until the final production put together by Jaclyn. So, this year's music Sunday is titled "The UUSD Choir, LIVE!" where we will be singing several songs that we had shared as a virtual choir but this time, together and in-person.

In the past couple of years, we have lost a couple of our members, Len Bowman and Eileen Johnson. Although their bodies are not with us any longer, their spirit remains. Despite the losses of these beautiful souls, we have gained 5 new members over the course of this past year.

The music ministry continues to grow in persons and talent with new instrumentalists and singers. Our desire is to continue to enhance each worship service through song.

With A Song in My Heart,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Keefer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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